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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Application Number	09/840,795
		Filing Date	April 23, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Erin E. MURPHY
		Art Unit	1646
		Examiner Name	E. O'Hara
		Attorney Docket Number	140942000401

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (7 pages)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal (1 page + duplicate); Exhibit A (38 pages); Petition for Extension of time (1 page); Return receipt Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952

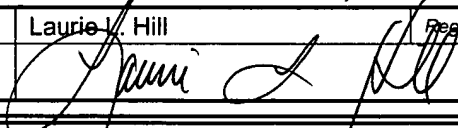
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Name (Print/Type)	Laurie J. Hill	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	51,804
Signature		Date	September 9, 2004

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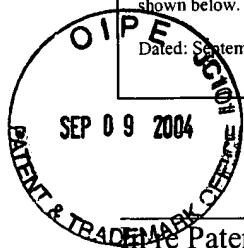
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Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 09/840,795

Art Unit: 1646

Filed: April 23, 2001

Examiner: E. O'Hara

For: BINDING COMPOUNDS FOR A RANK-LIKE
PROTEIN (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted following the filing of the request for continued examination and in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated June 21, 2004. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection as contained in the Office Action, and the enclosed amendments and discussion are offered in response.

Applicants now respectfully request entry and consideration of the arguments presented herein prior to issuance of an action on the merits.

Also included herein is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Sinha et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 10.1074/jbc.M407363200 (Jul 2004).